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AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expired on March 11, 2004. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time in which to file this response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

Kindly amend this application as indicated herein.